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LAST NIGHT AT MY FAREWELL RECEPTION, ADMIRAL MERINO APPROACHED ME IN QUITE OBVIOUS WORRY AND CONCERN. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED WORD FROM CHILEAN MISSION OFFICERS IN WASHINGTON THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS SUSPENDED REGULARLY SCHEDULED ONGOING SHIPMENTS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. I ASKED HIM WHAT SPECIFIC ITEMS WERE INVOLVED, AND HE SAID GUNS, RIFLES, AND AMMUNITION WERE AMONG THEM - INCLUDING SOME GUNNERY EQUIPMENT FOR AIRCRAFT. HE SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THESE WERE SUPPLIES IN THE PIPELINE FOR ALL THREE SERVICES. MERINO SAID HE WOULD TRY TO GET ME A LIST OF SPECIFIC ITEMS WHICH HAD BEEN AFFECTED BEFORE MY DEPARTURE. I AM NOT SURE WHETHER HE WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO PULL THIS TOGETHER IN THE HOURS REMAINING BEFORE MY PLANE. IN ANY CASE, I TOLD ADMIRAL MERINO THAT I WOULD INQUIRE URGENTLY WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN SOME NEW DECISION IN THE US GOVERNMENT. DAVIS

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